Employment Development Agency

Ninth Annual Report

For the Year Ending
March 31, 2002

Prince Edward Island
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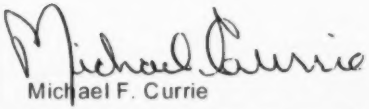
Message of the Minister

The Honourable Léonce Bernard
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Prince Edward Island

May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Employment Development Agency for the period April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002.

Your Obedient Servant,



Michael F. Currie
Minister of Development and Technology

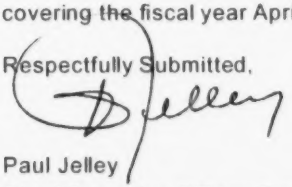
Message of the Chief Executive Officer

The Honourable Michael F. Currie
Minister of Development and Technology
Province of Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown, PEI

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the ninth Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Employment Development Agency covering the fiscal year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Jelley
Chief Executive Officer, Employment Development Agency

Introduction

The Employment Development Agency completed its ninth year of operation March 31, 2002. The agency provided wage subsidies to community groups, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, departments and agencies to stimulate new employment opportunities on Prince Edward Island. In fiscal year 2001/2002 the agency authorized a total of 1,035 projects, employing 1,890 people for a total of 16,368 person weeks of employment. See Appendix A for program statistics.

Operations

Management is responsible for the delivery of all agency projects with primary responsibilities being: budgeting, budget management, payroll, project management, placements and payroll audits. As of March 31, 2002, the agency had a staff of five full-time and four part time employees. The approved operating budget for the fiscal year was $4,101,700, with actual expenditures totalling $5,073,784. Detailed expenditures are shown in Appendix B.

Project Reports

Forestry Projects

An Executive Council decision of May 23, 2001 approved a transfer of the Forestry Program from the Employment Development Agency to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. $409,000 of the $516,700 program budget was transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, with the remaining $107,700 transferred to the Special Projects division of the Agency.

Special Projects (Nonprofit Organizations)

The Special Projects Division of the Employment Development Agency provides wage subsidies to nonprofit organizations and the public sector for short-term employment projects. The projects vary in scope as well as duration. In fiscal 2001/2002 there was a total of 600 projects approved, creating 10,943 person weeks of employment, providing short-term employment for 1,199 Islanders. Some major project sponsors included Town of Souris, Harbourview Training Centre, Fortune Community Centre, Town of Georgetown, Northumberland Community Development, Montague Community Welfare League, PEI Blueberry Growers Assoc., City of Charlottetown, Charlottetown Driving Park, Salvation Army, Summerside YMCA, Summerside Boys and Girls Club, PEI Shellfish Association and the Community of Tignish.

In fiscal 2001/2002 the Agency partnered with the Institute of Adult Education to deliver a career decision making and planning program called Employment Connections. Through the program individuals explored career choices, participated in job search workshops, and developed career plans. Training workshops were offered in five locations Island wide. From April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002, 210 individuals participated in the program.

Jobs for Youth (Private and Nonprofit Sector)

The private and nonprofit component of the Jobs for Youth program provided funding toward wage costs to assist businesses and nonprofit organizations in providing meaningful employment to Island students and youth. The average duration of a project was eight weeks. In fiscal year 2001/2002, the private sector approved 160 projects, employing 180 individuals, for a total of 1,389 person weeks of employment. The nonprofit sector approved 194 projects, employing 290 individuals, for a total of 2215 person weeks of employment.

Jobs for Youth (Public Sector)

The public sector component of the Jobs for Youth program provided work experience for Island students. Work was created by provincial departments and agencies, sponsoring short-term projects operating between May and September. The average duration of a project was eight weeks. In fiscal year 2001/2002 the public sector approved 81 projects, employing 221 students, for a total of 1,821 person weeks of employment.

Appendix A
2001/2002 Program Statistics

Programs	Projects Approved	Employees	Person Weeks
Special Projects	600	1,199	10,943
Jobs for Youth			
Private Sector	160	180	1,389
Nonprofit	194	290	2,215
Public Sector	81	221	1,821
Total	**1,035**	**1,890**	**16,368**

Appendix B
2001/2002 Financial Report

	Estimates	Expenditures
Management		
Administration	$10,500	$15,702
Equipment	2,600	2,238
Material & Supplies	4,700	13,249
Professional Services	500	0
Salaries & Wages	323,400	365,065
Travel & Training	9,200	11,723
TOTAL	350,900	407,977
Special Project *(Forestry)*		
Salaries & Wages	516,700	0
TOTAL	516,700	0
Job Creation & Placement *(Special Projects)*		
Professional Services	411,300	161,105
Salaries & Wages	151,600	167,808
Grants	1,702,700	3,286,310
TOTAL	2,265,600	3,615,223
Jobs for Youth *(Private & Nonprofit)*		
Grants	570,400	647,613
TOTAL	570,400	647,613
Jobs for Youth *(Public Sector)*		
Wages &	398,100	402,970
TOTAL	398,100	402,970
TOTAL AGENCY	**4,101,700**	**5,073,784**